

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2158
ANSWERED ON:05.03.2003
INDIAN RED CROSS SOCIETY
SADASHIVRAO DADOBA MANDLIK

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) the role of the Union Government with regard to the management and functioning of the Red Cross Society in India;
- (b) the number of new branches of the society opened during each of the last three years;
- (c) whether any Central assistance is given to Red Cross Society; and
- (d) if so, the details of the assistance provided during the last two years and the current year?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA)

(a) Indian Red Cross Society (IRCS) has been established as an autonomous body under the Indian Red Cross Society Act XV of 1920 (As amended by Act No. 22 of 1956 and the Adaptation of Laws (No 4) Order 1957 and Act 14 of 1992). The role of the Central Government in the management and functioning of IRCS has been defined under the provisions of the said Act and the Rules made thereunder. The Managing Body of IRCS consists of eighteen members including six members nominated by the President of India in his capacity as the President of IRCS and a Chairman. The present Secretary of Department of Health in the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare is one of the six nominated members of IRCS. The present Minister of Health and Family Welfare is the Chairperson of IRCS. The Managing Body of IRCS is the supreme body which takes all the decisions, including policy decisions, for the governance of the Indian Red Cross Society.

(b) The number of State branches of IRCS opened during each of the last three years is as under.

2001	Nil
2002	Two
2003	One

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) The details of the assistance provided during the last two years and current year are as under :

Year Source/amount in Rupees Total

	Ministry of Health & Family Welfare	Ministry of Defence (KSB)	Prime Minister's National Relief Fund
2000-2001	21,50,000	16,55,000	38,05,000
2001-2002	23,00,000	13,45,000	36,45,000
2002-2003		2,00,00,000	2,00,00,000